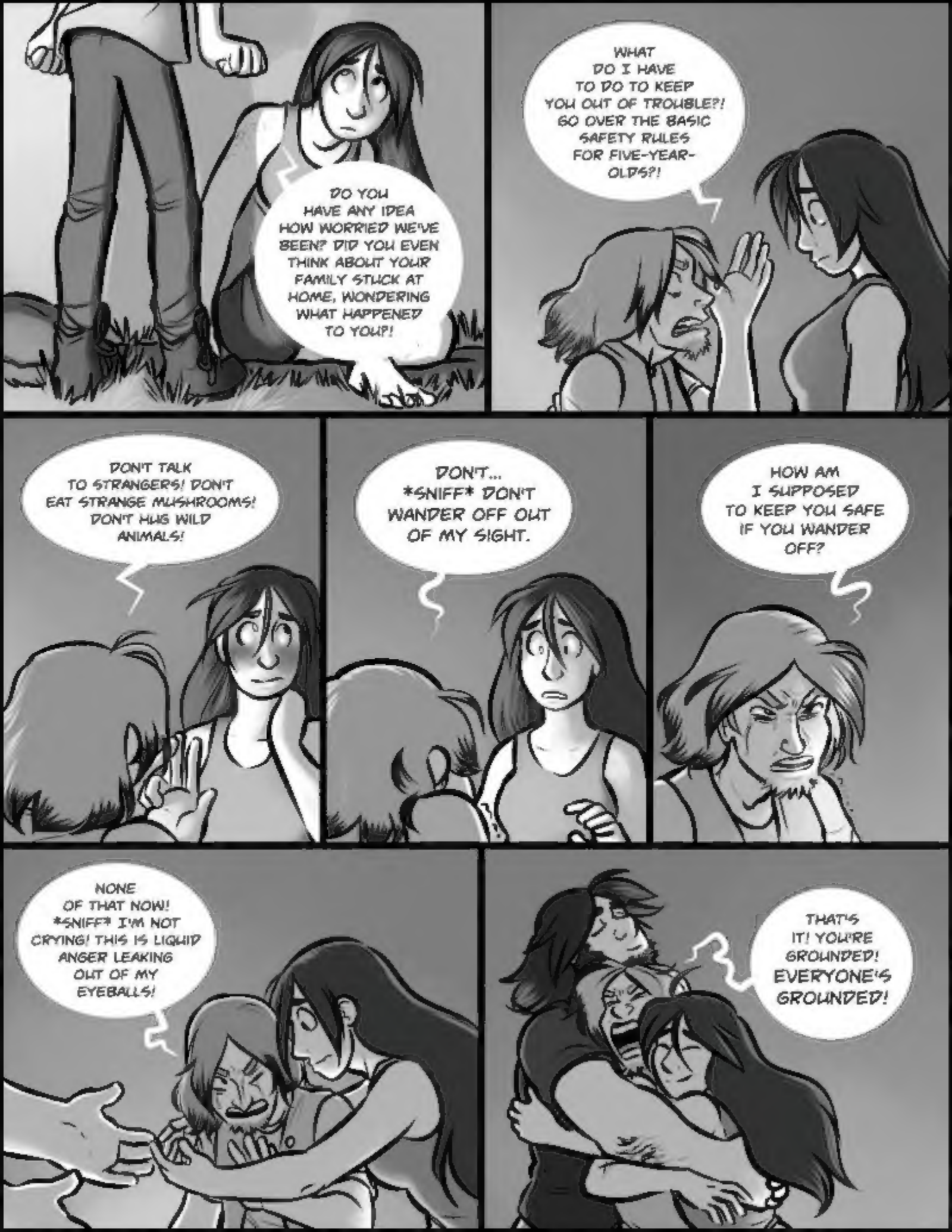
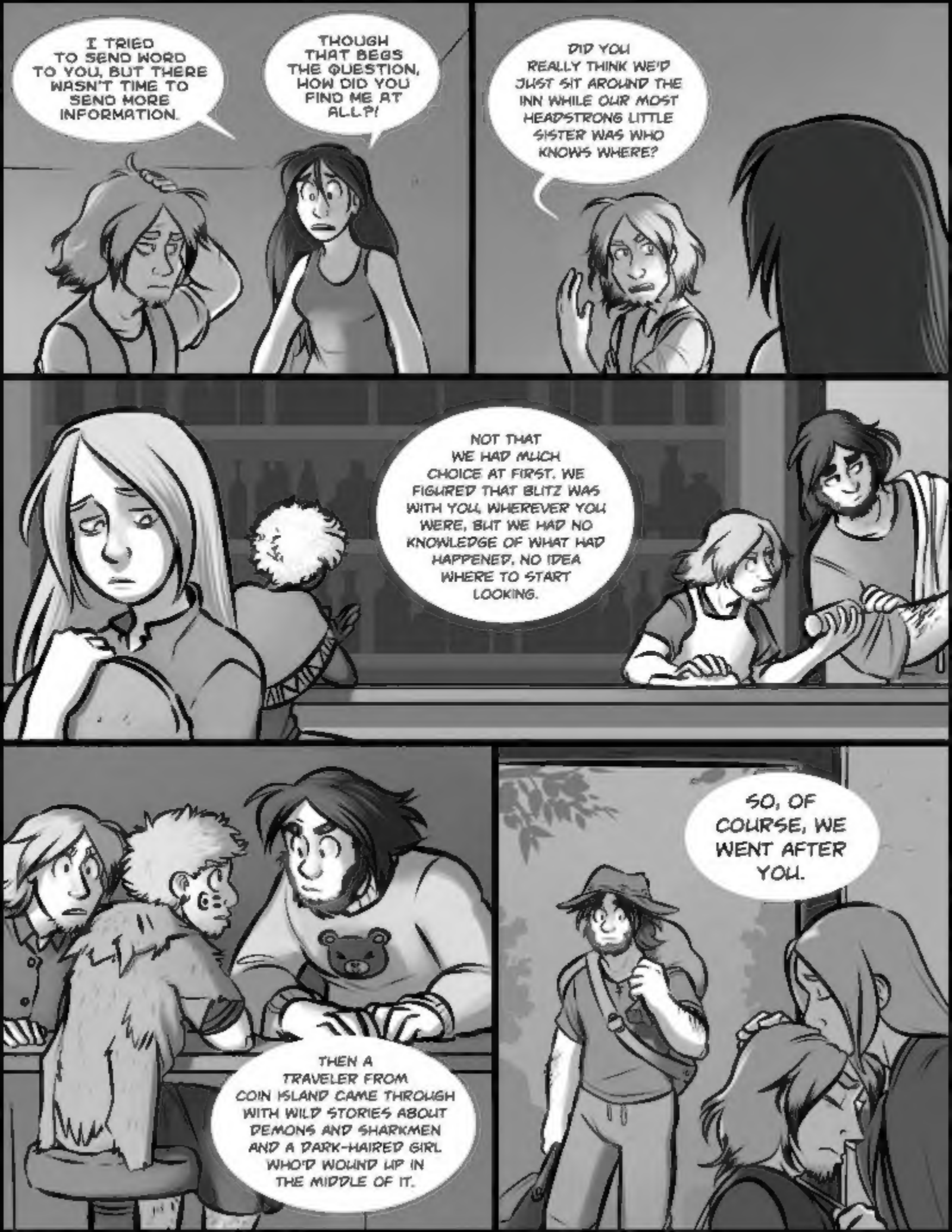
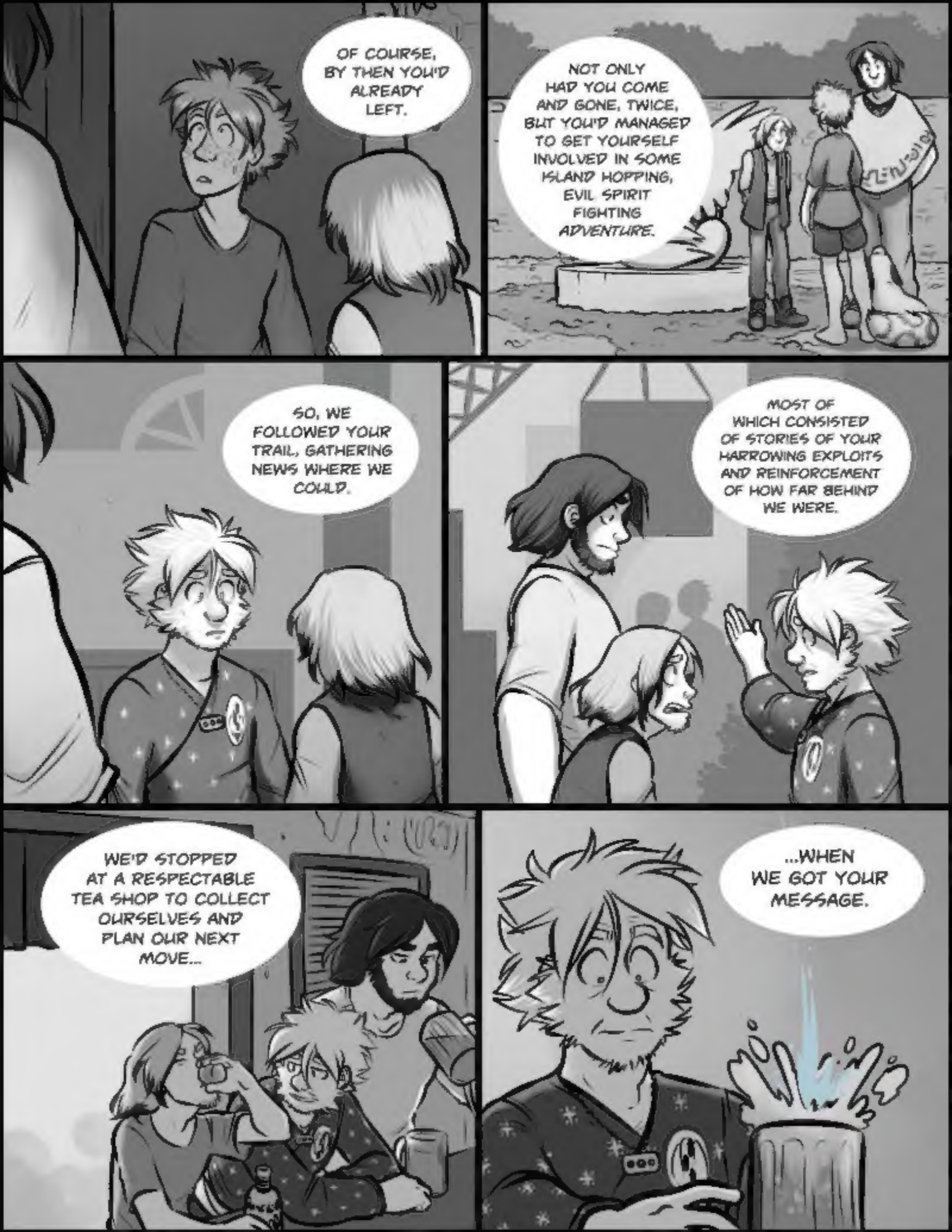
LITTLE STARMAN, SHINING BRIGHT...
MAKES UPON THE MOON AT NIGHT...
'CROSS THE SKY HE MAKES HIS WAY...
TO GREET THE SUN AT BREAK OF-
MMM....
SHIFT
FWHA?
WAIT, I KNOW THAT NURSERY RHYME!
KORUS?! IF YOU'RE HERE, THEN THAT MUST MEAN-
YOU ARE IN SO MUCH TROUBLE, YOUNG LADY!
SIGH....

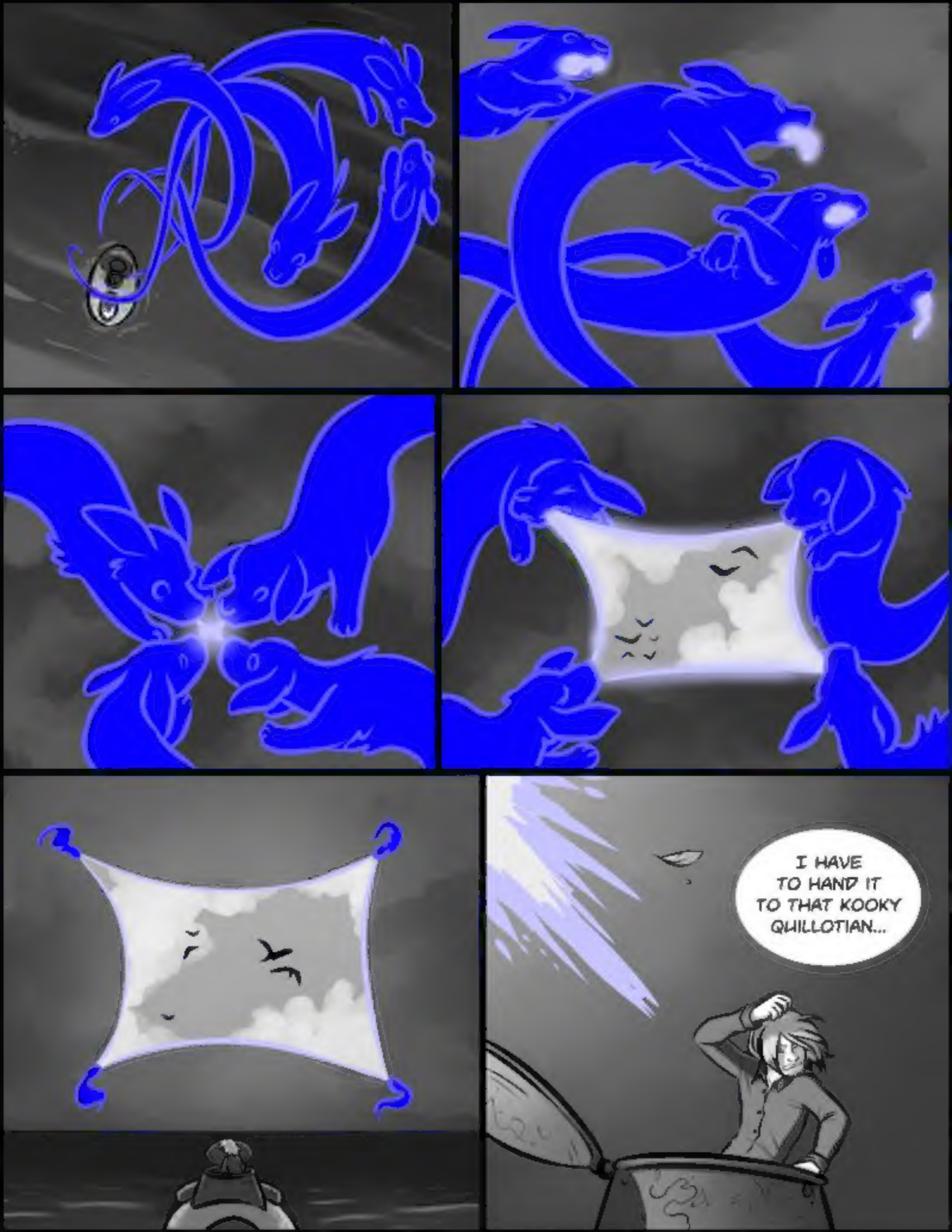

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW WORRIED WE'VE BEEN? DID YOU EVEN THINK ABOUT YOUR FAMILY STUCK AT HOME, WONDERING WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!
WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO KEEP YOU OUT OF TROUBLE?! GO OVER THE BASIC SAFETY RULES FOR FIVE-YEAR-OLDS?!
DON'T TALK TO STRANGERS! DON'T EAT STRANGE MUSHROOMS! DON'T HUG WILD ANIMALS!
DON'T... *SNIFF* DON'T WANDER OFF OUT OF MY SIGHT.
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO KEEP YOU SAFE IF YOU WANDER OFF?
NONE OF THAT NOW! *SNIFF* I'M NOT CRYING! THIS IS LIQUID ANGER LEAKING OUT OF MY EYEBALLS!
THAT'S IT! YOU'RE GROUNDED! EVERYONE'S GROUNDED!


I TRIED TO SEND WORD TO YOU, BUT THERE WASN'T TIME TO SEND MORE INFORMATION.
THOUGH THAT BEGS THE QUESTION, HOW DID YOU FIND ME AT ALL?!
DID YOU REALLY THINK WE'D JUST SIT AROUND THE INN WHILE OUR MOST HEADSTRONG LITTLE SISTER WAS WHO KNOWS WHERE?
NOT THAT WE HAD MUCH CHOICE AT FIRST. WE FIGURED THAT BLITZ WAS WITH YOU, WHEREVER YOU WERE, BUT WE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED. NO IDEA WHERE TO START LOOKING.
THEN A TRAVELER FROM COIN ISLAND CAME THROUGH WITH WILD STORIES ABOUT DEMONS AND SHARKMEN AND A DARK-HAIRED GIRL WHO'D WOUND UP IN THE MIDDLE OF IT.
SO, OF COURSE, WE WENT AFTER YOU.


OF COURSE, BY THEN YOU'D ALREADY LEFT.
NOT ONLY HAD YOU COME AND GONE, TWICE, BUT YOU'D MANAGED TO GET YOURSELF INVOLVED IN SOME ISLAND HOPPING, EVIL SPIRIT FIGHTING ADVENTURE.
SO, WE FOLLOWED YOUR TRAIL, GATHERING NEWS WHERE WE COULD.
MOST OF WHICH CONSISTED OF STORIES OF YOUR HARROWING EXPLOITS AND REINFORCEMENT OF HOW FAR BEHIND WE WERE.
WE'D STOPPED AT A RESPECTABLE TEA SHOP TO COLLECT OURSELVES AND PLAN OUR NEXT MOVE...
...WHEN WE GOT YOUR MESSAGE.

AS CRAZY AS THE ARCHIPELAGO'S MAIL SYSTEM IS, THIS WAS MY FIRST MESSAGE BY MAGIC OWL.
THE MESSAGE WAS GARBLED, AS IF IT HAD BEEN TAMPERED WITH, OR FADED ON THE LONG JOURNEY.
WHAT WAS CLEAR WAS THAT THE OWL COULD LEAD US TO YOU.
WE WEREN'T THE ONLY ONES LOOKING FOR YOU.
IT SEEMS YOU MADE SOME FRIENDS WHILE ON YOUR ADVENTURE...
...AND THEY WANTED TO HELP.

THE TWO OF US TOOK OFF IN OUR OLD SUB AND FOLLOWED THE MESSAGE.
BY THE TIME WE CAUGHT UP, IT LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE IN TROUBLE.
NOTHING YOUR BROTHERS COULDN'T HANDLE.
I HATE RELYING ON MAGIC, BUT I'LL ADMIT IT HAS ITS USES IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS.


I HAVE TO HAND IT TO THAT KOOKY QUILLOTIAN...

...WHEN WE CALLED IN THE CAVALRY....
...HE DELIVERED.
HE'S THE ONE WHO HELPED YOU WHEN YOU NEEDED IT. KORUS AND I SAILED NEARLY CLEAR ACROSS THE ARCHIPELAGO JUST TO OPEN A MAGIC DOOR.
THMP

YOU'VE SAVED MY LIFE SO MANY TIMES... MORE THAN YOU EVEN REALIZE.
I'M SORRY I WORRIED YOU, BUT PROTECTING YOU WAS THE WHOLE POINT OF THIS JOURNEY! I COULDN'T GET YOU INVOLVED.
YET DESPITE MY BEST EFFORTS YOU STILL FOUND A WAY TO RUSH INTO DANGER AFTER ME.
HUUUUUG!
AFTER EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED... I'M GLAD THIS HASN'T CHANGED.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE BRAND ON YOUR SHOULDER?

I THINK THIS IS THE RIGHT ROOM...
HE'S IN THERE?
IT'S TOO DARK, I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING PAST THESE PLANTS.
YEAH, BUT FIRST WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO BREAK IN...
SHING!